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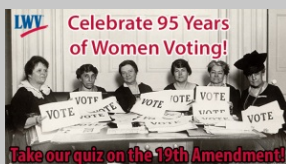
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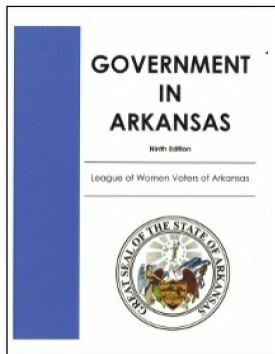
LWVWC CALENDAR

September 23	LWVWC Membership Meeting	Fayetteville Public Library @ 5:30; program starts at 6:00
October 2 and 3	NWA Gridiron Show	Rogers Little Theater
October 4	Vigil to Raise Awareness for Mental Health	Springdale First United Methodist Church @6:00
October 9	Hispanic Womens' Conference	Jones Center Springdale
November 18	Children's Mental Health Needs and Resources	First United Presbyterian Church @ 6:15
December 7	Holiday Party to Benefit the Magdalene	Butterfield Trail Lodge 5-7pm

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Annual Membership Meeting
Sept. 23rd @ FPL 5:30



The League of Women Voters of Washington County will host their annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fayetteville Public Library. The theme will be the 95th anniversary of the League as well as the 95th anniversary of womens' suffrage.



We have an exciting evening planned with members

Genie Donovan and Bettie Lou Lancaster highlighting the past history of the Washington County chapter. Laura Kellams will speak on the history and significance of the League then and now, and JP Peters will present the future directions of the League on the national level. There will be a social hour with a birthday celebration from 5:30 to 6:00 PM, followed by speakers celebrating the League and the progress we have made in the past 95 years. Members as well as anyone interested in joining the League are invited to come and bring a guest.

Migration and Immigration Study Group

Sally King

Want to learn more about the complexity of immigration and issues related to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Central America, Mexico and in NWA? The Rev. Dr. Leslie Belden is offering a study group this fall to look at the various facets of what encourages immigration, what migrants experience, and what is going on to address problems. Leslie will share what she learned last winter on a trip to study immigration. A number of guest speakers have been lined up as well. One of the speakers is Professor Elizabeth Young, who has spoken in recent years at several programs sponsored jointly by the League of Women Voters of Washington County and the First United Presbyterian Church. The tentative schedule is below.

The group meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m on Sundays at the First United Presbyterian Church, on the upper level of Witherspoon Hall. You are welcome for any and all of the sessions, and invite your friends who may be interested to join in what promises to be an enlightening study.

Leslie is Parish Associate for Servanthood Ministry at FUPC and a member of the League of Women Voters of Washington County.

Tentative Schedule for the Fall 2015 Study Group

August 23 Introduction - A Theology of Migration (Leslie Belden) Issues of Central America and Mexico

August 30 A Synopsis of the History of Central American Nations - Native peoples, Spanish conquest, clash between cultures, changing governments, involvement of USA (Charles Killian)

September 6 Labor Day Break

September 13 Poverty, Gangs, and Crime (Representatives from our trips to Honduras)
Where is God in Northern Latin America?

September 20 PC(USA) Missions and Ministry (Leslie Belden and Phil Butin)

September 27 U.S. Policy and Programs (Elizabeth Young)

October 4 Other Missions and Ministry (Jane Scroggs)
Migration and Immigration

October 11 El Salvadoran Programs and Policies (Leslie Belden)

October 18 Traveling through Mexico (Martina Delahoya and Leslie Belden)

October 25 Border Patrol and the U.S. Border (Leslie Belden and Others) Opportunities and Issues in Northwest Arkansas

November 1 Employment (representative from Tyson Foods)

November 8 Poverty, Gangs, and Crime (Milissa Tejada, Police Officer from Springdale)

November 15 Public School Education (Jeanetta Arnhart)

November 22 Voices of Our Neighbors (Zessna Garcia Rios and Others) Where Is God Leading - Where Is Hope?

November 29 Our Ministry in Honduras (Leslie Belden and Phil Butin)

December 6 The Dream Act (Bill Schwab and Donna Davis)

December 13 Other Hope - Conversation about possibilities

Annual Conference

Karen Crocker

October 9, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Jones Center at

922 East Emma Ave. in Springdale, AR



The League of Women Voters of Washington County is putting together a panel for the Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas's Annual Conference. The League's panel will be entitled "Our Voices Count", and will be one of three concurrent panels at 10:30 to 12:00. Panelists will be **Mary Alice Serafini**, who will tell the story of the success of the struggles for women's right to vote, and the League's effort to educate voters to understand that elections cover much more than simply voting for the President, but representatives in school districts, cities, counties, states, and congress. Materials from the League will be handed out, including the Guide to Elected Officials in English and Spanish. Mary Alice has served as the President of the League of Women Voters for 10 years and the President of the League of Women Voters of Arkansas for 6 six years. In these roles she has advocated for voting rights, promoted voter education in our county and state and tackled changes in public policy issues which involve

protection of the environment, clean water, honest elections , scenic byways, healthcare, mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Another panelist will be **Miriam Ramirez**, a student at the University of Arkansas Law School, working with the Immigration Law Clinic. She is in her last year of law school at the University of Arkansas and will take the Bar in May. Currently, she is employed at the law offices of Roy Petty in Rogers as a legal assistant. She will be discussing issues of registering to vote, how to prepare for an election, voting in primaries, and the importance of electing people who support benefits for immigrants such as DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

A third panelist is **David Whitaker**, Arkansas State Representative from District 85. He will discuss how important it is to be involved in voting and supporting political representatives who listen to voter concerns. Rep. David Whitaker is serving his second term in the Arkansas House of Representatives. He represents District 85 which includes a portion of Washington County. During the 90th General Assembly, Rep. Whitaker will serve on the committee for Judiciary, the committee for Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development and the committee for Joint Performance Review. During the 89th General Assembly, Rep. Whitaker served on the Public Transportation Committee and City, County and Local Affairs Committee.

Lunch is provided. Tickets are available from the Hispanic Women of Arkansas office, 479 751-9494.

Comedy for a Cause

October 2 and 3

[The Gridiron Show!!!](#)

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Tickets are available from AAUW members. Contact Mary Alice at ma@maspeaks.com , 479- 466-1624

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